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**BOWLING GREEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO VIOLATING
FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY LAWS
THROUGH USE OF INTERNET**

– Images of children in sex acts

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JOSHUA E. HOGUE**, age 20, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, **pled guilty** on March 7, 2006, to one charge of receiving child pornography and one charge of possessing child pornography.

Hogue faces, at a minimum, 5 years' imprisonment. The maximum potential penalties include 30 years' imprisonment, a \$500,000.00 fine, and a term of supervised release which could include life.

Hogue entered his pleas of guilty before United States District Judge Thomas B. Russell in Bowling Green, Kentucky. During the guilty plea hearing, **Hogue** acknowledged a factual basis for the charges against him. He admitted that from February 2005 until September 2005, he used the Internet to acquire images of child pornography. **Hogue** also admitted that he possessed child pornography during that time frame.

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During earlier hearings in this case, the United States presented proof to the Court concerning the nature of the child pornography found on **Hogue's** computer. Specifically, **Hogue** had acquired and possessed numerous video files with lengths exceeding four minutes. Three of the video files had running times over 20 minutes each. The files contained images of children engaged in sex acts. Several of the files showed children who had previously been identified through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Child Victim Identification Project.

Under federal law, child pornography is defined as any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Sexually explicit conduct includes (a) actual or simulated sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; (b) bestiality; (c); masturbation; (d) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or (e) lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation.

Judge Russell scheduled **Hogue's** sentencing hearing for June 5, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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